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Tuesday, January 21, 2003 (Monday = Federal Holiday)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action (Paper No. 7) mailed July 18, 2002. entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly enter the following amended paragraphs.

Page 11, third paragraph starting at line 13:

Phase 1:

The HIV-1 REV (SEQ ID NO:2) and TAT (SEQ ID NO:3) genes from isolate BRU also called LAI (SEQ ID NO:4) (Wain-Hobson et al. Cell 40:9-17, 1985) were amplified from the pcREV and pcTAT vectors (Arya et al. Science 229:69-73, 1985) using Dynazyme Taq DNA polymerase (Finnzymes, Finland) and the following primers that have restriction enzyme sites for enzymes Xhol and Xbal:

Page 11, fourth paragraph starting at line 20:

For REV:

'-TTTTTCTAGAACCATGGCAGGAAGAAGCGGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:5)

5'-TTTTCTCGAGCTATTCTTTAGTTCCTGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:6)

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